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International Marketplace District Intercept One-On-One Surveys

SPECIAL CHARACTER

It's a good place – nice, like a small town.

The buildings are nice, they just need a touch-up.

Keep some of the original architecture, as in the interesting Flat Iron building. / I love the Nomar and other buildings.

MERCADO

A Mercado would be great. It would be nice having a little piece of Mexico.

A more developed area would be great. If there was a small area, clean, well lit, it would be awesome.

We should welcome people of different races and economic backgrounds here. The color of money is all the same.

CHALLENGES

I don't think my block is safe anymore. I've lived here since 1958, but it feels less safe now, especially after dark.

The place has a lot of trash and a lot of ugly buildings.

I don't like the trains – they need to go away.

SUGGESTIONS

I would like to see more events, but I'd like to see a central place for them to happen.

I'd like to see an attraction there such as the jazz museum in Kansas City that has helped revitalize and old warehouse district.

We don't want an artificial sanitized Disneyfied area. Keep it real.

PLANS FOR CHANGE

There needs to be less talk and more action.

I think the place is fine as it is.

I don't want tourists here. Send them downtown.